

1. The Special General Meeting, to be held under article 1d of the agreement between the CRA and the Old Finchleyans' Club was held on Friday, 2nd June 1961, at Southover, beginning at 10 p.m.

2. The article stated :-

" At the end of the interim period, all members of the Association should have become members of the Club and the Association shall hold a Special General Meeting to confirm and finalise its incorporation as a section of the Club".

3. E.P. Jennings proposed and P.W. Green seconded that the agreement be extended for a further three months in order to facilitate the further discussion between the two bodies on membership matters.

4. F.J. Lane thought that as the CRA had honoured the Agreement and the O.F. Club had not, the agreement should be declared void.

5. M.B. Taylor asked D.F. Cope for details of the O.F. Membership position. Cope replied it was approximately 950 and Taylor stated that a further three months ought to be plenty of time for the O.F.s to show interest.

6. G.M. Wilson regretted the use of certain words to describe the events leading to the original agreement and the methods by which integration was being achieved. He agreed that the response from older O.F.s had been atrocious, but every O.F. newsletter and magazine had mentioned the C.R.A. In addition Mr. Turl had written over forty personal letters with very few replies let alone acceptances. It was difficult to get new members from O.F.s who were set in their ways. On the credit side the CRA had acquired the use of the Clubhouse, and could participate in all Club activities.

7. R. Hedgecoe thought the Association could only lose by being outside the Club. As a Club section, the Clubhouse, Bar and ground were available, as well as newsletter facilities. As an outsider, the CRA would lose these advantages and gain nothing. He added that the O.F. Club seemed to have done very little for the first 19 months of the agreement, but they had subsequently stirred. The last few months had witnessed a change of heart. A further three months grace would give time for some catching up to be done.

8. On membership matters, the chairman quoted figures.

Before Aug. 1959.	6 non-OF CRA members	joined the Club.
Aug '59 - Feb. '60	9
Feb. '60 - Jan '61	25

40 CRA members had joined the Club. No mean achievement.

9. B.W. Fuller claimed that at least 75% of that 40 had joined only to honour the agreement, not because they wished, as such, to join the Club. If this was the case they would have done so before. In comparison, the O.F. Club had done very little 'honouring' in return.

10. F.J. Lane felt that the Club had been content to have us 'blackmailed' in 1958 and were now anxious to back out the agreement.

11. Many arguments were put, some for joining the Club immediately, some for scrapping the agreement, others for a completely new agreement. The discussion became somewhat confused and aimless.
12. The Chairman intervened. Capt Jennings summed up -
- a) The past is over and it does no good to argue over events long past.
 - b) It would not be a good idea for the Club and CRA to part.
 - c) The Club's fears over open recruiting by the CRA were groundless. Indeed it would be to the Club's advantage. The problem might be overcome by getting the Club to permit the CRA a free hand in recruiting old boys who left before, say July 1960, and only insisting that school-leavers since that date ought to join the Club before the CRA. It would be a moral obligation on all CRA members who had already joined the Club under the terms of the present agreement to remain as full members.
13. It was suggested from a number of members that as very few concrete proposals had been forthcoming, it should be left to the Executive Committee of the CRA to discuss the agreement with the Club and use their own judgment over the terms.
14. H.B. Thilo proposed, H.B. Taylor seconded that
- "This meeting empower the CRA Executive Committee to liaise with the Old Finchleians' Committee in order to draw up a final solution and that the CRA Committee should report to a further S.G.M. soon after 30th Sept. 1961."
15. The motion was unanimously carried.
16. The meeting dispersed at 11. 47 pm.

Alfred Green
Hon. Secretary.